Nativity Scene Narratives

Part II

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.." —Luke 2:4-5 (ESV)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
December 11th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Eleventh Day of December, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exhaustive examination of the **Doctrine of Divine Election**—a key issue of the Reformation. This week we revisit the five major principles that guided the thought of the Reformers.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"* (#127: chorus only).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (#130).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"* (#118).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"* (#119).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"Nativity Scene Narratives* (Part II)."

Closing Hymn:* *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (#136).

Benediction.*

The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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Week of Dec. 4 - Dec. 10

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—20
Midweek Prayer—4; Church Offering—$1,196.00
Christmas Party—21: CEF—6, Valley GBC—6, Kids—6, Parents—3

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

We resume our studies on Belshazzar's Feast of Folly (**Dan. 5**).

Christmas Services

Our special candlelight **Christmas Eve Service** will be on Saturday evening, **Dec. 24**, at **7:00 PM**. Please invite friends to share in the worship of our wonderful Savior and in the warmth of traditional carols, special readings, and in the glow of our collective Christian fellowship.

On **Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25**, we will forgo our usual Sunday School session and have our morning worship service one half hour early at **10:00 AM**.

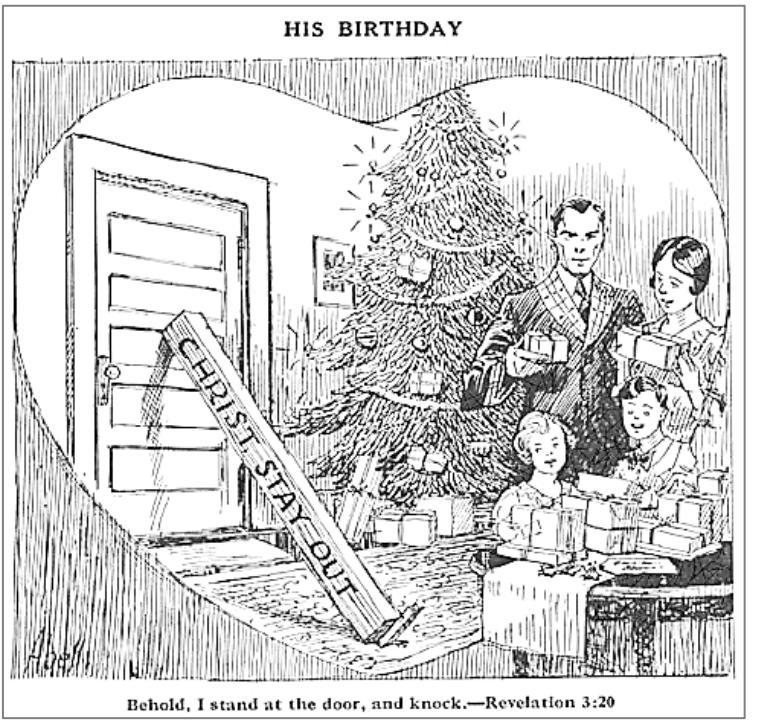
Today's Verse for Reflection:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."—Matthew 2:6 (ESV)

AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman (11/25/22)

Dear beloved brethren, Praise the Lord – Pastor Salomon is home safe!! Thanks for your prayers! Hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Your donations to provide needy families with gift cards for Christmas this year can be forwarded to Don Beach.

IN THE NEWS...

- Both houses of Congress have now passed the decadent "**Respect for Marriage Act**," requiring Federal recognition of homosexual unions. PRAY that such legislation will not be employed to harass churches and other people of conscience.
- PRAY that website designer **Lorie Smith** will be victorious in her Supreme Court Case versus the State of Colorado. Smith has refused, as a matter of faith & conscience, to lend her creative abilities to design websites promoting "gay" weddings.